

Electricity is being restored as quickly as possible and as soon as conditions are safe, Ed Compton said.

"We have about 20 percent of the electricity restored," Compton said late Monday. "Our people are working day and night. We ask that you be patient with them... They are tired and worn."

Compton said Covington Electric has been instrumental in helping to

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City fathers Monday night agreed to tighten security in the downtown area.

The tighter security measures, taken to prevent looting and protect residents from dangers inside the flooded areas, include the establishment of a permanent security perimeter in the downtown area.

The perimeter, bordered on the west by Adkinson Street, on the south by Main Street, on the east by Yvelton Street and on the north by Rebecca Lane, will be manned by military police. All entrances to the protected perimeter must be made from Claxton Avenue, and residents must be escorted at all times by U.S. Army Reserve building before entering.

Looting in the flooded areas became a problem Sunday, at which time guards were posted and spectators were no longer allowed in the area.

made Hwy. 203, the Elba by-pass, impassable from Smith Avenue to the Troy Highway.

City officials began sounding alarms and notifying residents of Smith Avenue to get out if they expected to walk out because the last exit would soon be closed.

Brookdale residents were evacuated about 4 a.m. Saturday.

From 4:30 to 5 a.m., officials continued to watch waters rise. When the river reached the point at which it crested in the 1975 flood, 37 feet, city officials began to consider evacuating the area inside the levee, realizing that if it did so, the place, Smith Avenue barricades probably would not hold.

Rep. Jimmy Holley and Trooper **see sign on page 4**

At 11 a.m. Saturday, Elba High School was almost completely under water

Colored Ink

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We are publishing a paper this week in spite of the major interruption to our office routine Saturday morning. The flood has put many of us on our knees in more ways than one. But the important thing is that we are alive and capable of rebuilding.

A newspaper must publish on a fifty-two week schedule to be a legal newspaper and we fully intend to maintain this established position of ninety-three years at The Elba Clipper. The hometown paper was bigger than the flood of 1929 and bi-George it has more stickability than the flood of 1990.

We also feel that the spirit and determination of a community is reflected in the local newspaper, especially a small town newspaper, therefore to continue accurately showing the heart of Elba it was a mandate that publication continue on the schedule established by those who toiled to maintain the publication for those ninety-three years.

Elba will rebound and we are confident it will do so in a way that will astound those who might have predicted death of the community. When the water and mud are mopped out of houses and homes reestablished, businesses will be re-established with updated facilities and brand new merchandise. When industry gets the paychecks back on a regular schedule and the schools are restored to even greater heights, etc., the championship quality will be obvious. Elba is to see a surge that will be the envy of many chambers of commerce in America!

The Elba Clipper saved cameras, computers, printers, subscription lists and the very "basic of life" for publishing a newspaper. We never know what is really basic to life until faced with the reality of having a few minutes to make choices that can never, ever be changed as long as history is recorded. It was decisions made before daylight Saturday morning while knowing that an unknown amount of water was about to come into town despite the resistance of the levee. Wife Hedy, fourteen year old Eric and darling daughter Michele, who was home for a wedding did the masterful job. We were with city officials planning and reviewing plans for an orderly and successful evacuation of friends and neighbors as a priority matter. We wanted badly to preserve our own possessions, but couldn't abandon the others at such a critical time. Now that wasn't heroic, it was following examples set all night long as people helped people without hesitation or question.

Please say a little prayer of thanksgiving.

Editorials

For these things, we are thankful

Shortly after the Japanese dropped bombed Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared Dec. 7, 1941 "a day which will live in infamy."

For folks in and around Elba, Ala., March 17, 1990, also will live in infamy.

No one could have dreamed such a disaster as the 1990 flood would strike this city. Anyone who didn't actually see the flood would have a hard time believing it.

Many, many people worked long and hard to prevent loss of life and to help folks recover from the loss. Knowing there is no way to publicly thank them all, we'd like to take a stab at saying "thanks" to the many, many people who've tackled the Herculean task.

Enough cannot be said about Mayor Fred Moore, whose leadership and command decisions throughout the disaster have been - and will continue to be - invaluable.

Rep. Jimmy Holey, who physically put in a 24-hour shift during the worst of the disaster and immediately set in motion plans for recouping from the tragedy.

Police Chief Freddie Hanchey, who exhibited an ability to think on his feet and took charge of a chaotic situation. Chief Hanchey's department followed instructions professionally and without hesitation. When necessary, the men also made quick-witted management decisions.

City crews have worked round the clock again and again without any idea whether they would have a home when it was all over. Street Superintendent James Simmons worked tirelessly, even with the knowledge that his home was gone.

The Fire Department and Rescue Squad also have pulled long shifts, standing by their vehicles continuously and aiding rescue efforts.

The radio broadcasters who got vital information to local folks about evacuation and relief. Doug Holderfield continued to operate both WFTZ and WELB even as his station was surrounded and over. Street Superintendent James Simmons worked tirelessly, even with the knowledge that his home was gone.

Local people, local restaurants, and neighboring towns provided food and coffee during the disaster. Since the disaster, Enterprise restaurants and grocery stores have been set up at Hayes Funeral Home, and Opp organizations have sent in food and ice.

Among the area police departments who loaned manpower were Kinston, Cyp, Brantley, Troy, Troy State University, Brundidge, Goshen, Enterprise and New Brockton. Neighboring sheriff's departments provided help as well.

State Troopers have provided assistance and security as the waters subsided and looting began. Among them, Ronnie Whitworth, who put himself in personal danger as he waded in a lot of water to assist people in getting out, deserves a special note of thanks.

Red Wilson, who, aided by Bob Hahn, Kenneth Baker and Bobby Boutwell, managed to save all of the city's school buses.

The last bus rolled out of the downtown area at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, after the levee had broken, Wilson said.

There was water this deep in the school yard when we pulled the last one out," he said, indicating the water was almost knee deep. "There was water in the last bus and in my truck when we left."

Fred Clark Jr., who happened to be in Elba visiting his parents when the disaster struck.

Clark, who was scheduled to become Sen. Richard Shelby's state coordinator April 1, stepped in on behalf of Sen. Shelby to prepare a first-hand report, which he managed to relay to the senator in Washington by noon Saturday. Both Sen. Shelby and Sen. Howell Heflin, as well as Gov. Hunt, were in Elba Monday afternoon.

The Amateur Radio Association, which set up operations and aided people who needed to get in contact with their families.

Trucking firms from Opp and Andalusia who were on the scene until it was actually flooded, helping people remove their belongings. Until it also was submerged, Dorsey Trailers also provided assistance.

We could not begin to name the people who spent Friday night helping friends salvage goods only to lose them at daylight the next morning.

George Houtt recounted a story of out-of-town residents who appeared Friday night and helped any way they could.

"From their conversation, I knew they were from Ozark and from their accents, you knew they were military."

These individuals were here on their own time. Their names will never be known, but their help is appreciated.

Our thanks

Let us begin what we expect to be a continuous stream of public thank you's for assistance by thanking those who have made it possible for this edition of the newspaper to be published.

First and foremost, we'd like to thank National Health Care, Administrator Marcy Campbell and Dr. Henry Cochran for allowing us the use of office space.

Thanks also to Collis Parrish, who installed locks on the building, allowing us to sleep peacefully knowing our computers wouldn't disappear.

Jim and Ann Nichols made a sign for the front of the building and volunteered to deliver newspapers. Nellie B. Martin fed us, mothered us, and loaned us a much-needed table.

The local National Guard loaned a table, the Troy Messenger loaned their dark room, and other news media and many, many people offered help.

Most of all, we thank God that there have been no known deaths or seriously injuries or that we have been able to do what we have.

Schools set reopening plans in motion

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hold and struggle and give in if we don't get it done.

If we get on this, we'll have far better physical facilities than before the flood," he said. "We've just got to get on these damn politicians and get our fair share of aid and give these business people a break ... Or they're just saying Elba doesn't count."

Holley said preliminary reports are that most of the current from the initial break in the levee went through the hallway of Elba Elementary School. Quoting reliable sources, Holley said the north wall of the building is gone.

Board member Dr. Billy Farris, who toured the much of the school facilities in a boat Monday afternoon, said the Middle School remained standing. A portion of the Vocational roof was damaged, he said, but added that he believed the High School would be salvageable.

State and federal officials have pledged necessary support for replacing or repairing the school buildings.

Early Monday, Holley said several bills were being written to get funding for the local schools.

"The education budget is still in

the Senate," Holley said. "We're working on a special appropriations bill, and also a bill for a bond issue to create a pool of money to work with."

Gov. Guy Hunt, who was in the area Monday afternoon, also promised support of a bond issue to create money for restoring the schools.

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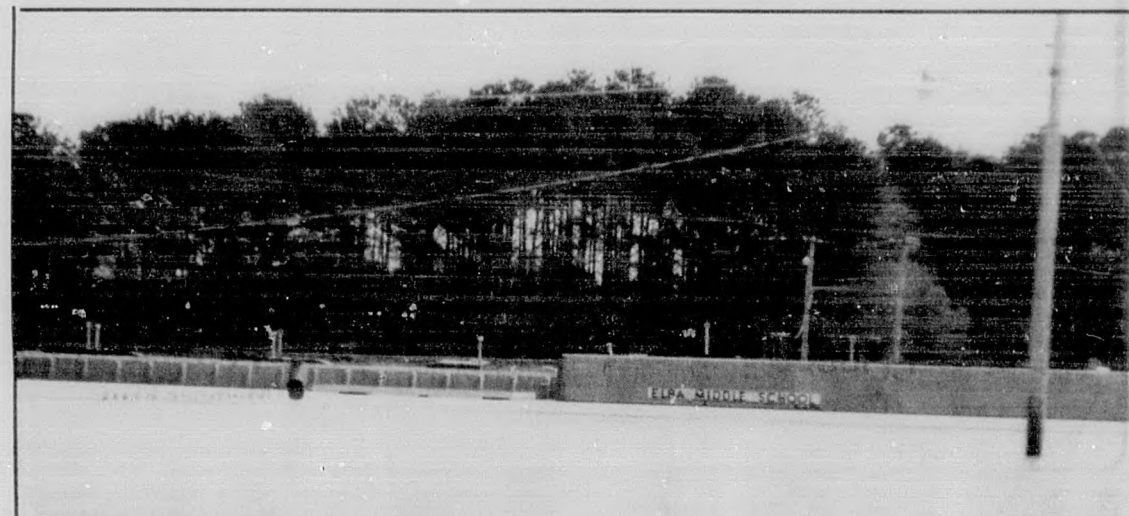
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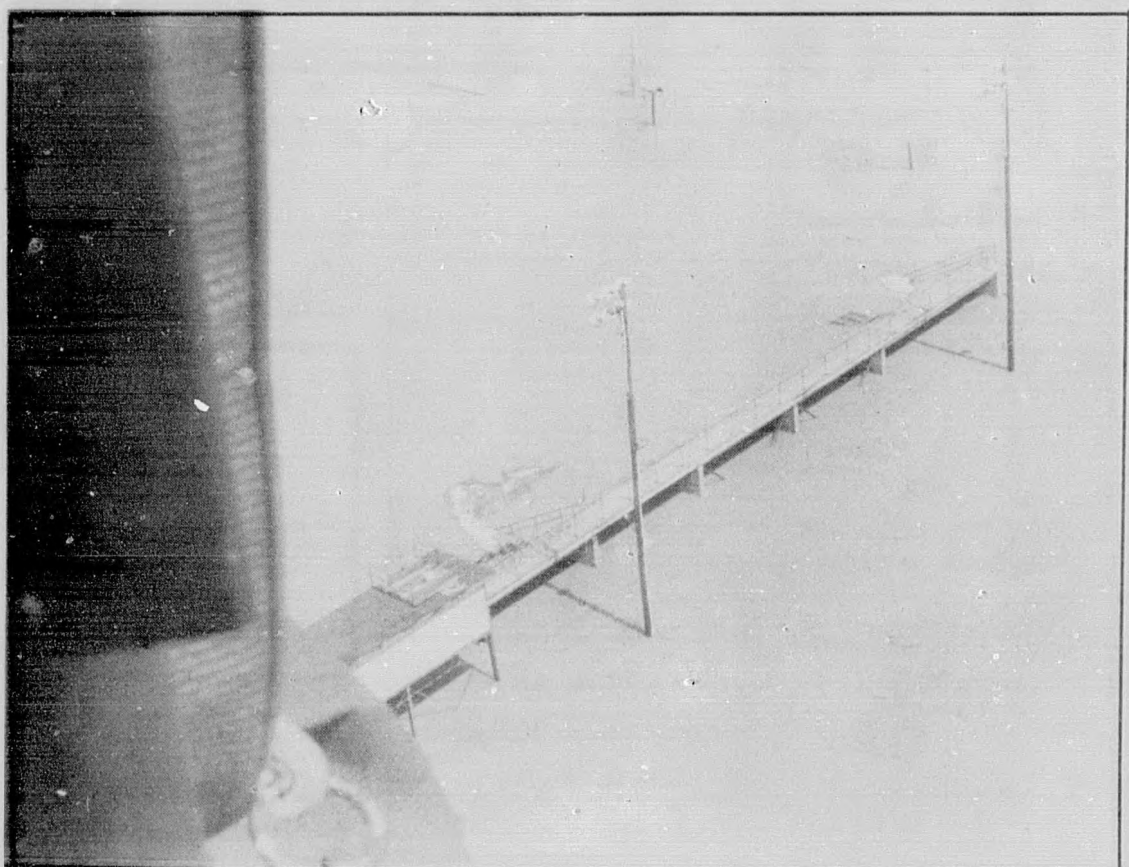
The old railroad trestle across Pea River held



Elba Elementary School was almost completely submerged Saturday morning.



Elba Middle School was surrounded by water, but held



Water polo or fishing were the only sports possible in Tiger Stadium Saturday



Elba High School and Tiger Stadium, looking north

Vigil

continued from front

Ronnie Whitworth began checking situations south of town and returned to report they had found a swift stream of water pouring into the Brookdale area.

Simultaneously, efforts also were being made to take current river readings for the National Weather Service, so that they could update projections of when the river would crest.

When it was decided all efforts should be directed toward establishing and implementing an evacuation plan, which very probably would have to be put into effect in a matter of minutes, the mayor called in a team to formulate and expedite such a plan. Simultaneously, a crew was dispatched to physically check the condition of the levee in relationship to the pressure from Whitewater Creek. When the first survey was made from the Smith Avenue barricade to the Troy Highway, water was already moving over the levee in the area behind the Elementary School.

As the crew was surveying the levee, Elba Police Chief Freddie Hanchey divided the city into seven sectors and assigned two men teams with two-way radio equipment to notify all residents within the love of the potential danger. The people were told that when sirens sounded, they should abandon efforts to save possessions, grab their children and go. Residents were instructed to exit the city via Hwy. 189 North, Hwy. 84 West or Hwy. 166 West. Arrangements also were made to move the command post to the Work Release Center.

Shortly before 6 a.m. the sirens of all available units were sounded. Rescue units and private citizens assisted in evacuating the known disabled and the elderly, a task which had scarcely been completed when at about 6 a.m. the levee actually ruptured.

"When they said 'Get out,' at that point, everybody got," Elba Clipper Publisher Fern Cox said. "Within a minute and a half of the levee breaking, there was several feet of water all over the area."

"We were standing there watching the water come over the levee," he said. "Then there was a foot to 18 inches coming through a new hole and within seconds the volume had doubled. By the time we got to the edge of the highway, it had doubled again and when we got two car links to our vehicle, the break in the levee was large enough for a house. When we reached Rebecca Lane, water covered the elementary school yard. Within 10 minutes, Cook Chevrolet had vehicles under water."

"Somebody radioed back to the sectors again that the levee had broken and that this was it," he said.

Once the water got inside the levee, it continued to rise until about 2 p.m. The levee created a fish bowl effect in the downtown area, as the water had no way of escaping.

The state Emergency Management Agency director closed the Elba airport at about 10 a.m. in an effort to discourage sight-seeing until the situation had adequately been assessed. Ft. Rucker dispatched a MedEvac unit to the airport, which flew city officials over the disaster area.

After surveying the situation from the air at about 11 a.m., Elba Mayor Fred Moore was considering breaking the levee at a point south of town. However, the decision was made not to take such action because it could pose additional danger to homes in Brookdale and other areas which were not under water.

However, the force of the water did exactly what the mayor was considering sending crews out to do. The force of the flood waters carved a 175-foot notch in the levee just behind the law offices of Garth Lindsey and Debbie Jared, which it eventually swept the office building through. The levee also broke at other places, including the bridge at Hwy. 84 and in Newtown.

The Alabama State Baptist Convention was one of many organizations which provided immediate aid to Elba residents throughout the disaster. Working from a trailer manufactured at the local Dorsey plant, volunteers from across the state were prepared to serve 5,000 hot meals to flood victims when they arrived.

Simultaneously, the Red Cross was serving meals inside the Assembly of God Church and Monday began distributing clothing vouchers.

Late Saturday, about 16 people were evacuated from Smith Avenue by boat. The residents had stood on porches or rooftops watching the water rise all day.

Although the Methodist Church, Church of Christ, Church of God, First Baptist and Westside Baptist

Come Visit us in our temporary location in front of Elba General Hospital
The Elba Clipper
no phone - we want to see your smiling face!

churches as well as the Church of God in Prophecy, Elba Zion Baptist Church and Harris Temple COGIC were filled with water, a community worship service was held Sunday morning at the Assembly of God on Highland Drive. The Rev. George Sedberry, minister of First Methodist Church, delivered the message in the "well attended" service. Earlier, two services had been held at Ham Methodist Chapel, located on the Brantley Highway.

U.S. Congressman Bill Dickinson, R-Montgomery, flew in Sunday morning to assess the situation, then returned to Washington for a meeting with President George Bush Monday morning. On Monday, Gov. Guy Hunt, Sen. Richard Shelby and Sen. Howell Heflin were among the dignitaries visiting the disaster area.

Each promised to expedite the necessary motions for getting local residents financial assistance.

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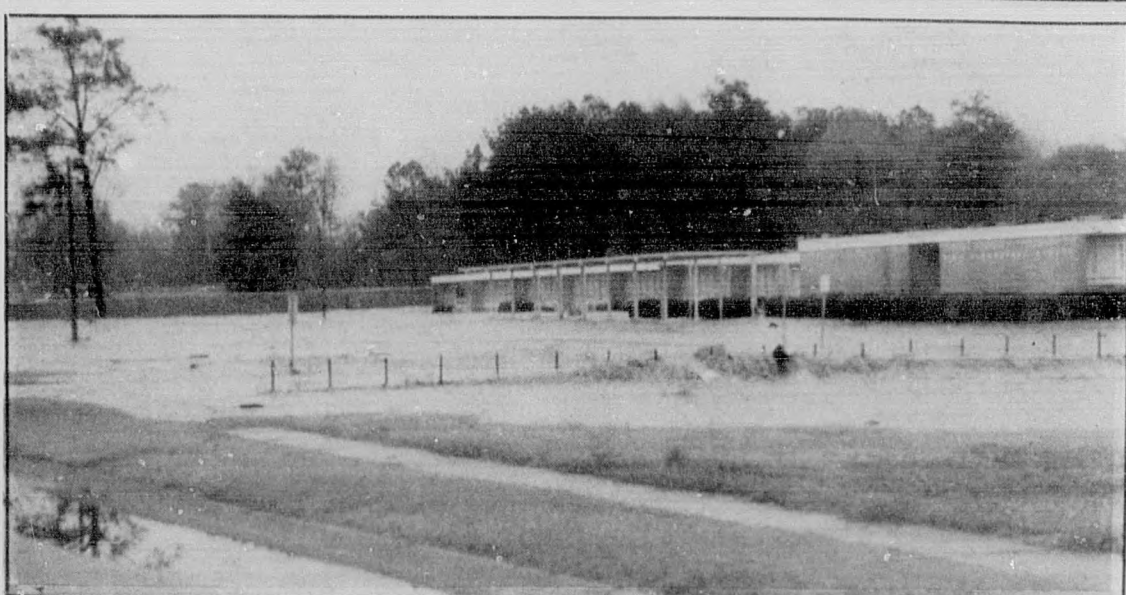


TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL PARK ... Legion Field was under water at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. The concession stand, located in the center of the complex, was leveled by the force of the water.

Levee gives way

Water first began trickling through the levee at the north end of Elba Elementary School at about 6 a.m. Saturday. Elba Clipper Publisher Fern Cox took these successive photographs at about 100 feet of the levee broke away.

By the time the third photograph was snapped, he was concerned about getting out of the water's path. The fourth photo gives a perspective of how far the water had spread in less than two minutes.



VIEWS FROM THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

After fighting rising water for almost 16 hours it felt like all the life went out of me early Saturday morning when I heard over my radio that the levee that we all trusted for so many years had given way and the muddy waters from the Pea River and Whitewater Creek were headed toward the town that we all call home.

I had been involved in the evacuation of the Riverview subdivision and the solidifying of the flood gate at Whitewater Creek Bridge since late afternoon and when we got the last folks out of Riverview I felt like the worst was over. It wasn't until the waters kept rising that I became afraid that my home might become the flood's next victim and worked almost non-stop packing sandbags and making sure the water would stay behind the levee. We were all convinced that the flood gates would hold, but never in our worst nightmares did we ever think the levee wouldn't hold.

When the levee gave way and the call went out for everyone to leave the city I stopped by our house for a couple of minutes, put some pictures and other family mementos upstairs and left. I still didn't believe that the water would get over three or four feet deep at the house and left to wait it out.

The next day I made it back to our home by boat and couldn't hold back the tears as I saw that the flood waters had reached a level of three feet in the second story of our house. We parked the boat in front of the house and I waded in to save our cat that had stayed behind and a dress that our little girl had planned to wear for Easter. The cat and dress were both found high and dry; however, I left the remainder of our belongings underwater and cried for the remainder of the day whenever I stopped long enough to think about what had happened.

The tears quit flowing to save the horror of the tragedy from Melissa and now that help is arriving, the tears have turned into smiles of thanks.

The actions of the past few days will be something I never forget; however, I now believe that we'll all make it and somehow, someday, our lives will return to normal!

ELBA RECREATION REPORT

Men's Softball Meeting Set For March 26

Anyone wishing to enter a team in the Men's Softball League, in Elba, must attend a meeting on Monday night, March 26, at 7:00 p.m., at the Recreation Director's office at Hawkins-Williams Park.

The beginning of the league has been delayed until April 9 because of the flooding conditions in Elba and all teams planning to enter the league must attend this meeting!

Umpires To Meet March 27 In Elba

Anyone wishing to umpire baseball or softball this summer in Elba needs to attend a meeting of the Elba Umpires Association on Tuesday night, 7:00 p.m., at the Recreation Director's office at Hawkins-Williams Park.

All umpires must take the ASA national umpires test to become a sanctioned umpire and the test will be given at the next meeting on April 2.

Coaches Are Needed For Youth Teams

Coaches are needed for various youth baseball and softball teams in Elba. Coaches are needed for Babe Ruth baseball (1), Dixie Minor baseball (1), Slo-Pitch baseball (4), Girl's softball ages 12 and under (2) and Girl's softball for ages 16 and under (2).

Anyone wishing to coach should contact Recreation Director Ricky Mularz as soon as possible.

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Samson Recreation

Park Tournament

Planned

The Samson Recreation Park is having a Men's Class C and Below Softball Tournament March 23 and 24. Entry Fees- \$85.00.
Trophies will be given to the top 4 teams and individual trophies to 1st place winner. Roster is required. Tournament is sanctioned. Contact: Tommy Rials at 898-2489, Ronald Davis 898-2113 or 898-2179, City Hall 898-7341.

Interesting Facts

Oddly enough, New York County (where New York City is located) is the smallest county, in area, in the nation.

The first woman to serve in Congress was Jeannette Rankin of Montana, in 1917.

The number, or word, "one" appears on a one-dollar bill in 16 different places.

Nobody can fold a piece of paper in half more than 8 times - no matter how big a piece of paper you use, or how strong you are.

The rainiest town in the world is a town in Chile named Bahia Felix, where it rains almost every day of the year.

And, here's another interesting fact... although the main branch of the bank was flooded by waters from the Pea River and Whitewater Creek the bank WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE OUT OF THE NEW BROCKTON BRANCH OF THE PEOPLES BANK!

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Repent: Agree with God, do His will

Danny Maddox
Whitewater Baptist Church

"Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17). Have you ever really considered what He meant by that statement? It must have been important for Him to make it the subject of His preaching and teaching. I would like to try and explain in this article what it means to me.

First, He said REPENT! Repentance is not remorse, regret or reform. REMORSE is just having a sorrow wishing it had not happened. The Bible says that, "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation." (2 Corinthians 7:10), but remorse is just a sorrow that something happened. REGRET is wishing you could go back and do it over another way. That is not repentance. REFORM, just means

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Whitewater Baptist Church

straightening up your life by not doing bad things and start doing good things. That is not repentance either. Becoming religious is not repentance.

I believe repentance is more than turning from evil. We must do that, but we must also turn to the righteousness of God. Some folks stop doing evil things but never start doing what is right in God's eyes. If we see repentance as any-

thing then all we have is an empty religion. Repentance is not rules and rituals it is a relationship. Let me summarize in one statement what I believe true repentance is:

AGREEING WITH WHAT GOD SAYS AND DOING WHAT HE SAYS!
Now the second thing. Why does Jesus want us to repent? Because the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. That means that the RULE OF GOD is near and available. But the rule of God can't happen until repentance has taken place, and we allow Him to sit upon the throne of our lives. Then we will have the happiness, peace and joy that only God can give.

Why not agree with Him today, do what He says and let Him bless you and others through you.

Sawyer, Childree set April wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Judge Howard Childree of Ozark, AL, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Janet Childree, to Dr. Samuel Fleming Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Felix Sawyer, of New Brockton, AL.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ench Paulk, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Judge Franklin Childree, all of Ozark, AL.

She is a graduate of Carroll High School in Ozark, and The State University, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and is a member of Gamma Beta Phi. She is presently employed as an air traffic control supervisor at the Houston Air Route Traffic Control Center in Houston, TX. She will assume a new position at the Pensacola Terminal Radar Approach Control Facility in Pensacola, FL, in May.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland Fleming, Enterprise, AL, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Adolph Sawyer of New Brockton, AL.

Dr. Sawyer is a 1974 graduate of Enterprise High School, and attended Enterprise State Junior College, where he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

He graduated summa cum laude from Birmingham Southern College in 1977 having earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

The couple has set their wedding date for April 21, 1990, at 12:00 o'clock, at the First United Methodist Church in Enterprise, AL.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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NEWS FROM OUR EARLY FILES

TEN YEARS AGO
MARCH 20, 1980

A tornado dipped from the stormy skies between 12:30 and 12:45 Monday afternoon and did considerable damage near the Damascus Community. The twister blew over a trailer belonging to Billy Ray Bryant, destroyed a barn on the George L. Dandford farm, destroyed a small utility shed at the Henry Bryant residence and damaged the James Harrison home.

Candidates named for Man- Women of the Year Honors in Elba are: Marion Brunson, Cleo Hawkins, Jimmy Holley, Doug Martin, Lorene Bryant, Agnes Wilson, Le-nora Kennel, and Judge Eris Paul. The Pilot Club of Elba is sponsoring the 6th annual Men and Women of the Year Banquet Saturday, March 29, at Holley's Restaurant.

Brainstorming efforts are under-way in Washington to close the railroad to Elba. The Elba City Council authorized the hiring of an attorney to fight this, and we encourage all interested citizens to volunteer their help without being asked, and surely step forward if asked. The railroad folks can paint a perfect picture for the fact they have worked at it for several years; but we shouldn't let that high priced effort deter us from protesting, and win-ning.

Twenty Years Ago
MARCH 19, 1970
Six men want to be Probate Judge. They are: Buster Bowden, Kimmie Dorsey, Leslie Mullins, James L. Sawyer, H. D. Tillman, and Flournoy Whitman.

Member of the City Recreation Board, invite all youth and adults interested in a summer recreation program to meet with them at the Elba High School at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24th. Members of the board include Lamar Daniels, W. G. Patton, Mrs. James Roswell, Lamar Foley and Jimmy Wise.

Picture-REVENGE ON A PARKING METER. This car appears to be getting the best on one of Elba's new parking meters as it jumped the high curb and knocked over the meter post. Actually, it was a case of an inexperienced driver putting his foot on the gas pedal and mashing hard when he should have been mashing the brake pedal.

Governor Albert Brewer brings his "Full Time for Alabama" campaign to Elba this week, as he speaks at a street rally in the downtown area.

Joe Butcher, so of M/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas H. Butcher of Tucson, Arizona, was chosen to be the guest of the Electronic Data Processing Center at Western New Mexico University. A nationwide data processing test given by the college was used to select the most promising high school students in the Southwest, and it is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brown of Elba.

Forty Years Ago
MARCH 23, 1950
Picture-Dorsey Trailers plant employees constantly train to do their jobs better. Training is a part of working at Dorsey's. Here Leavy Boutwell is instructing Ed Hudson in welding. One of Dorsey's great need right now is more trained welders.

At a very impressive and appropriate ceremony held at the Elba Courthouse Monday, March 7, tribute was paid to Charles L. Rowe by the Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

New officers of the Southeast Zone of the Alabama Optometric Association were installed at a meeting Monday, this week, at the office of Dr. E. M. Warr in Elba. They were: Dr. Robert N. Beddole of Greenville, president, suc-

ceeding Dr. Henry Gwalney of Opp; Truman Siquetfield of Dothan, new vice president, and Dr. James Christakos of Andalusia, new secretary-treasurer.

Rex Bryan, Elba High School member of the Diversified Occupations Class, won the oratorical contest in the Southeastern Alabama district held at Auburn last week and will compete in the state-wide contest to be held at the University of Alabama March 31.

Mr. S. J. Casey, Mr. Marion Brunson, Mr. Olen Robertson, Mrs. A. C. Dunaway, Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, and Mrs. Ruth Hawkins were among those from coffee County who attended the AEA Convention in Birmingham last week.

Some day, say about fifty years from now, a space ship make the 240,000 mile trip to the moon and return to earth within 24 hours. That is the belief of J. P. Colbert, professor of civil engineering at the University of Nebraska.

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Crook and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitman will go to Memphis Friday to attend the graduation of John Revel Crook from a school of optometry.

Office of the Superintendent of Education, Collier Street, Elba Alabama 36020-200 P.M. Thursday March 29, 1990 for the REEROOFING OF AUDITORIUM AND BOILER ROOM AT ELBA HIGH SCHOOL. Work shall be in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by Dunsath & Lee, Architects, 1903 West Main Street, Dothan, Alabama 36031, phone (205) 793-4634. Contractors may obtain two (2) sets of specifications upon deposit of \$200.00 per set. The full amount of the deposit will be refunded to each Contractor who submits a bona fide bid and upon return of sets in good condition within 10 days after the date of bid opening. Late bids and applications will not be returned or if a bona fide bid is not submitted, the deposit will not be refunded. Subcontractors and material suppliers may obtain whole or partial sets of plans and specifications by paying the cost of reproduction and mailing charges. Refunds will not be made on such sets.

One lot or parcel of land containing 5.41 acres, more or less, lying in and being a part of the N1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 22 East, in Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a point where the South line of the N1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 22 East intersects the Northwest right of way line of Coffee County Road No. 79; thence North 22 degrees 26' East a distance of 315.0 feet along said right of way line to the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence North 22 degrees 26' East a distance of 315.0 feet along said right of way line; thence North 21 degrees 19' East a distance of 233.6 feet along said right of way line; thence North 81 degrees 15' West a distance of 65.1 feet; thence North 0 degrees 38' 56.1 feet; thence South 66 degrees 25' 50.7 feet; thence South 18 degrees 32' 50.7 feet; thence South 1 degree 56' 26.6 feet; thence South 89 degrees 12' 08.6 feet to the point of beginning of the Northwest right of way line of said road.

Said documents may be examined at the following locations: Dothan Plan Room, Dothan, Alabama; Dodge Plan Room, Montgomery, Alabama; Scan Services, Atlanta, Georgia.

Where licensing by any agency or municipality is required, such license shall be obtained prior to beginning any work.

Nonresident bidders must accompany any written bid documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in such nonresident bidder's state of domicile as to the preference, if any, or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that state in the letting of any or all public contracts.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after the time and date set for bid opening. The accepted bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond. The Performance Bond shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and the Payment Bond shall be in an amount equal to 50% of the Contract Price. The cost of the bonds shall be included in the proposal.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities.

Elba City Board of Education
By: Mr. Lamar Foley, Superintendent
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Miss Holloway, Mr. Mack

Holloway, Mack set May wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Billy N. Holloway, of Enterprise, AL, would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dana Ellen Holloway, to Keith Marion Mack, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mack, and the late Mrs. Mary Mack, of the Goodman Community, Elba, AL.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jewell Holloway, and the late Delane Holloway, of Pontotoc, MS., and Mrs. Mary Ellen Douglas and the late Mr. Foy Douglas, of Echo, AL.

Miss Holloway graduated from Enterprise High School in 1986, and is presently attending Enterprise State Junior College. She is

employed with Sav U Warehouse Foods, in Enterprise, AL.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Mack, of Elba, AL, and Mrs. Willie Pearl English, and the late Mr. Francis Marion English, of Elba, AL.

He graduated from New Brockton High School in 1983, and is presently employed with Mack Brothers Trucking in Elba, AL.

The couple has set the wedding date for May 19, 1990 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, at the Church of Christ.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Seniors meet, enjoy springtime weather

By: Wanda Sasser

It was another springlike day when the Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met for their weekly meeting at the HRDC Building on Simmons Street on March 15.

Even though it was a threatening day, we had a good crowd. Some of our members were absent, but others were back with us. Some of our members are on the sick list. We spoke of our gardens and flowers and how many had been working in their yards. Some of the members played dominoes and others just visited.

Of course, we had a delicious lunch as usual. Since we will not meet next week, lots of plans were discussed. Those attending were: Frank and Lennie McCollough, Minnie Davis, Tonia Fane, Myrl Burkett, Bonnie Wesley, Zedie Bouyer, Rushie Blanton, Aileen English, Helen McChane, Alora

McBride, Sarah Smith, Arnold Amenda, M. Bohing, and Wanda Sasser.

Zion Chapel womanless pageant set

The Zion Chapel Band Boosters' Club is sponsoring a "Womanless Beauty Pageant", Saturday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Z.C. gym.

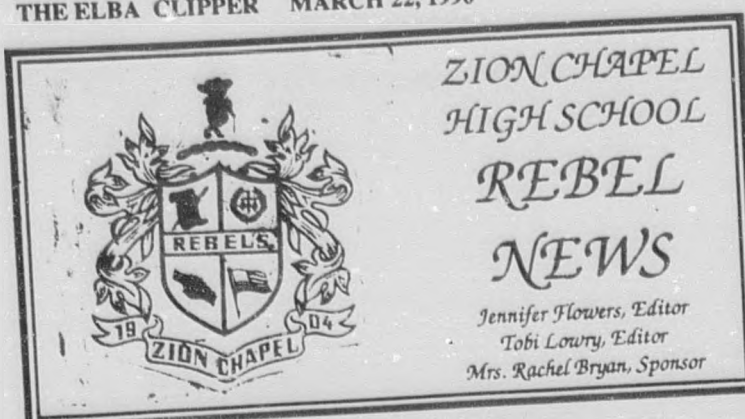
Admission for students - \$1.00, adults-\$2.00 and children under 4 years of age admission free.

There will be live entertainment provided.

All proceeds will go the Zion Chapel Rebel band.

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Spring Quarter FFA Is Growing Money

By: Jason McLeod
The Zion Chapel Chapter of FFA is growing money! The Alabama Forest Commission in Ozark furnished pine trees for the chapter. The trees were planted behind the school in an open area. The spot was picked because it was excess land and erosion needed to be stopped. This land had been cleared several years ago for another purpose. The top soil had been removed and grass would not grow, so pine trees were planted. Rye was sown before-hand to hold the soil until the pine trees could begin growing.

Pine trees were picked for planting in this area because once pine trees are planted there is very little maintenance and in years to come they can be harvested for a profit.

The chapter planted about 1,500 pine trees in two days of work. Mr. Harold Stewart, FFA sponsor, said, "By the time these trees are ready to harvest the children of today's members will possibly be members of FFA."



ZION CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS (left to right) Jennifer Flowers and Stacey Black were two of 215 outstanding high school students selected to participate in the third annual Southeast Honor Band. The Southeast Honor Band was part of the 17th Annual Southeast United States Band Clinic, which was held on the Troy State University campus recently. Pictured with the students are: Southeast Honor Band conductors George Cavenders (left) and John O'Reilly (right).

Seniors choose favorites

By: Pam Evans
"Lend us the stone strength of the past and we will lend you the wings of the future, for we have them" was the motto chosen by the Seniors of 1990. The traditional red and white was chosen for the class colors and the rose as the class flower.

Regina Bell's hit song, "Make It Like It Was" was chosen as the class song.

Mrs. Rachel Bryan and Mrs. Anita Grant, senior class sponsors, polled the seniors for their favorites among the nominations that were submitted.

Seniors complete analyses

By: Catrina Rodgers
The members of senior English are doing a character analysis of one of the

characters in Shakespeare's Macbeth. A character analysis describes the behavior, body language, and life of a

character. The analysis is limited to 500 words and 5 paragraphs.

The analysis that the students write is based on what the character thinks of himself or herself, what others think of the character, what others say about the character, and the things that the character does.

Some students thought that Macbeth's search for power and riches made him blind to the fact that he was hurting the people and the land. His vaulting ambition turned him into a murderer and a liar. They also think that he is a "grown" child and that he is a pushover for anyone who wishes to push.

Macbeth thinks of himself as a real go-getter, and as an honest person. His friend Macduff tells him that he is a traitor and that he is evil.

Macbeth does many things that account for his death in the end. He has friends and their families murdered and he also destroys their homes. His wife, Lady Macbeth, persuades him to kill the king and two guards. He becomes obsessed with becoming king and he hires murderers to kill members of the royal family.

What's For Lunch?

COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

MAR. 26 - MAR. 30

BREAKFAST

Monday - Ham, Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Pancakes, Honey, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Toast, Eggs, Jelly, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Honey Buns, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Peanut Butter/Jelly Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Fish Nuggets Or Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Ritz/Peanut Butter Cracker, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday - Pizza Or Steak Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk

with, Green Beans, Breaded Okra, Choice of Fruit, Bonus (Manager's Choice), Milk

Wednesday - Fried Chicken Or Hamburgers, Whole Potatoes, Field Peas, Roll, Rice Krispie Candy, Pineapple Pudding, Milk

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ZC Beta Club Meets

By: Sharon Rodgers
The Zion Chapel Beta Club met March 6 and decided that March 23 would be the day for the Diabetes Buckle Brigade.

The money collected by the Buckle Brigade will go to benefit the Diabetes Association. The Beta members will be setting up Buckle Brigade displays in nearby stores and banks.

The Beta members also made definite plans for attending and competing at the Beta Club State Convention.

ESJC Expands

Fifty college-credit courses are offered by Enterprise State Junior College at Fort Rucker spring quarter. Eleven daytime and 39 evening courses covering a wide variety of subjects are open to both military and civilians.

In addition, two Friday Success Seminars have the joined Fort Rucker schedule and will be taught March 30 and April 27.

Four Friday Word Processing Proficiency Workshops are also scheduled on post. Programs to be taught Spring Quarter are: Wordstar, Word Perfect, Advanced Word Perfect and Microsoft Word. These workshops meet two consecutive Fridays and carry two hours credit.

Pre-registration is in progress at both the main campus and continues through March 28, the first day of class. Prior to final registration on March 26, students may register during regular office hours at either location. On March 26 you may register at main campus from 8:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. or at Fort Rucker from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

In-state tuition is \$20.00 per credit hour up to a maximum of \$200 for 10 to 21 hours. Military and civilian personnel and their families pay in-state tuition, and tuition is free for persons age 60 and above.

The ESJC Fort Rucker Office is located in Room 5, Building 5008. To register or obtain an informational form, go by the office or call 598-3438, 593-ESJC, or 1-800-874-3399.

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1990-91 Varsity Cheerleaders Chosen

By: Sharon Rodgers

Shannon Ward is the captain and Shea Oglesby is the co-captain for the new squad of cheerleaders chosen for the 1990-91 school year. Other members of the squad are Sharon Rodgers, Laura Brown, Chris Green, Felicity Littlefield, Kim Pilcher, Stephanie Diane Nelson, and Stephanie Nicole Nelson.

The tryouts were held on March 8. The girls trying out had to do a dance, a cheer, and a chant. The judges for the tryouts were from Troy State University.

The cheerleader sponsors are Mrs. Sonya Shaw and Mrs. Shan Sessions.

Nine Weeks Exams To Be Given

By: Melissa Johnson

Zion Chapel students will be given nine weeks exams after the AEA holidays so they should do better on their exams.

The first week in April a make-up test for the high school graduation exam will be given. In the second week of April the Stanford Achievement Test will be given, and the Alabama Basic Community test will be given to grades three, six, and nine.

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ZC Class Views Dinosaurs Alive In Montgomery

By: Cade Shiver

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